

What is claimed is:

1. A cable /satellite/Internet-ready television set comprising:
 - a television cabinet;
 - a television screen, said television screen being built into said television cabinet;
 - 5 a television control panel, said television control panel being built into said television cabinet, said television control panel including a transmission-mode/channel selection panel;
 - a television tuner/demodulator, said television tuner/demodulator being built into said television cabinet, said television tuner/demodulator having a first tuner/demodulator input and a second tuner/demodulator input; and
- 10 a credit/debit card reader in communication with said television set.
2. The cable /satellite/Internet-ready television set of **Claim 1** further comprising:
 - a main television chassis, said main television chassis being built into said television cabinet, said main television chassis having a first alternating current (a/c) power input connector, said first a/c power input connector being connected to an internal television power supply unit, said main television chassis having a first television output connection and a series of first input connections, wherein alternating current from an external power source is applied to said first a/c power input connector; and
 - a main satellite chassis, said main satellite chassis being built into said television cabinet, said main satellite chassis having a second a/c power input connector, said second a/c power input connector being connected to said internal television power supply unit, said main satellite chassis having a second output connection and a series of second input connections, said main satellite chassis having a satellite receiver;
 - wherein said main television chassis output is connected to said first tuner/demodulator input and said main satellite chassis output is connected to said second tuner/demodulator input.
 - 25 3. The cable/satellite/Internet-ready television of **Claim 2**, wherein said series of first input connections includes a first pair of audio inputs, at least one first cable input, and a first satellite input;
 - wherein said series of second input connections includes a second pair of audio inputs, at least one second cable input, and a second satellite input; and

wherein each input of said series of first input connections is connected to a corresponding input of said series of second input connections.

4. The cable/satellite/Internet-ready television of **Claim 3**, wherein said transmission-mode/channel selection panel includes a satellite access card slot and a plurality of transmission-mode/channel selection controls, said satellite access card slot and said plurality of transmission-mode/channel selection controls being connected to said satellite receiver.

5. The cable/satellite/Internet-ready television of **Claim 3**, wherein said series of first
10 input connections comprise a first superior video (S-Video) input, and wherein said series of second input connections comprises a second superior video (S-Video) input.

6. The cable/satellite/Internet-ready television of **Claim 3**, wherein said series of first input connections comprise a coaxial cable input, and wherein said series of second input connections further comprise a second coaxial cable input.

7. The cable/satellite/Internet-ready television of **Claim 3**, wherein said series of first input connections further comprises a first modem input, and wherein said series of second input connections further comprise a second superior video modem input.

8. The cable/satellite/Internet-ready television of **Claim 3**, wherein said series of second input connections further comprises a first antenna input, and wherein said series of second input connections further comprise a second antenna input.

25 9. The cable/satellite/Internet-ready television of **Claim 1**, wherein said credit/debit card reader is incorporated within said television cabinet.

10. The cable/satellite/Internet-ready television of **Claim 1**, further comprising a remote control device, said remote control device being capable of selecting a transmission mode.

30 11. The cable/satellite/Internet-ready television of **Claim 10** wherein said credit/debit card reader is incorporated within said remote control device.

12. The cable/satellite/Internet -ready television of **Claim 11**, said remote control device further comprising a cellular phone.

13. A television set comprising:

5 a television cabinet;

a television screen, said television screen being built into said television cabinet;

10 a television control panel built into said television cabinet, said television control panel includes a transmission-mode/channel selection panel;

a television tuner/demodulator, said television tuner/demodulator being built into said television cabinet, said television tuner/demodulator having a first tuner/demodulator; and

15 a credit/debit card reader in communication with said television cabinet.

14. The televisions set of **Claim 13** wherein said credit/card reader is integrated within said television cabinet.

15 15. The television set of **Claim 13** further comprising:

20 a main television chassis, said main television chassis being built into said television cabinet, said main television chassis having a first alternating current (a/c) power input connector, said first a/c power input connector being connected to an internal television power supply unit, said main television chassis having a first television output connection and a series of first input connections, wherein alternating current from an external power source is applied to said first a/c power input connector;

25 wherein said main television chassis output is connected to said first tuner/demodulator input.

16. The cable/satellite/Internet-ready television of **Claim 15**, wherein said series of first input connections includes a first pair of audio inputs, at least one first cable input, and a first satellite input.

30 17. The cable/satellite/Internet-ready television of **Claim 16**, wherein said transmission-mode/channel selection panel includes a satellite access card slot and a plurality of transmission-mode/channel selection controls, said satellite access card slot and said plurality of transmission-mode/channel selection controls being connected to said satellite receiver.

18. The cable/satellite/Internet-ready television of **Claim 13** further comprising a remote control device, said remote control device being capable of selecting a transmission mode.

19. The cable/satellite/Internet-ready television of **Claim 18**, wherein said credit/debit card reader is integrated with said remote control device.
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20. The cable/satellite/Internet-ready television of **Claim 19**, said remote control device further comprising a cellular phone.

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